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SOFTWARE**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, and the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment mailed April 18, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in light of the following.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 16 of this paper.